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SUBJECT: SMITH: "WE EITHER FIGHT OR WE DON'T"

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE HAD A SHORT MEETING WITH GENERAL SMITH ON MAY 28. THERE WAS NOTHING NEW. HE REITERATED THAT THE MACHINE IS ESSENTIALLY BROKEN, AND THE BLEAK ALTERNATIVE IS TO "MAKE WAR" OR TO BECOME UNSUSTAINABLY WEAK. TO REFINE THE MANDATE AND CONFIGURATION OF UNPROFOR IS TO AVOID THE ESSENTIAL "ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR QUESTION." IN FACT, A RECONFIGURATION OR REDEPLOYMENT SIMPLY "PRETENDS THAT WE ARE MAKING WAR" WHEN WE ARE NOT.

3. REDEFINITION OF THE MANDATE IS TO CONTINUE THE "NON WAR MODE." THERE IS NO REAL MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN WAR AND THE ABANDONMENT OF THE UNPROFOR MISSION. THE STARK DECISION REMAINS "WE EITHER FIGHT OR WE DON'T."

4. WE ASKED WHETHER UNPROFOR HAD ANY MATERIAL NEEDS, BUT SMITH REPLIED THAT HE WOULD FIRST NEED TO KNOW WHAT HE IS EXPECTED TO DO, BEFORE HE ANSWERS THAT QUESTION.

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5. COMMENT: SMITH HAS BEEN MAKING HIS CASE TO THE UN AND OTHERS THAT UNPROFOR IS ESSENTIALLY FINISHED. TO ATTEMPT TO WALK SOME MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN WAR AND WITHDRAWAL IS A DELUSION. END COMMENT. MENZIES

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